

# Statewide Interoperability Executive Committee (SIEC)

## Communication Unit Training Workgroup Update – COML

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# Outline

- Workgroup focus since the last meeting:

## **Arizona Regional COMLs**

- Guiding Principles
- Workgroup Recommendations
- Next Steps



# Proposed AZ COML Classifications

| <i><b>Candidate Title</b></i>   | <i><b>Candidate Description</b></i>   | <i><b>Relationship to Credentialing System</b></i>   |
|---|---|--|
| <i><b>Communications Leader Trainee (COML Trainee)</b></i>                  | <i><b>Has completed COML Training</b></i>   | <i><b>COML Training Certificate on file with the PSIC Office</b></i>   |
| <i><b>Communications Unit Leader Candidate (COML Candidate)</b></i>         | <i><b>Has completed COML Training and is actively progressing through Taskbook Completion</b></i>                               | <i><b>COML Training Certificate on file with the PSIC Office along with the Candidate's notification that COML Taskbook work is in progress</b></i>  |
| <i><b>Arizona Regional Communications Unit Leader (Regional COML)</b></i>   | <i><b>Has completed COML Training and Taskbook</b></i>  | <i><b>COML Training Certificate , Agency Certification and completed Taskbook on file with the PSIC Office; Entered in the resource database as a COML</b></i>   |
| <i><b>Arizona Statewide Communications Unit Leader (Statewide COML)</b></i> | <i><b>A Regional COML who has completed the additional training and tasks specified for designation as a Statewide COML</b></i> | <i><b>COML Training Certificate , Agency Certification, completed Taskbook and documentation of continuing education and experience on file with the PSIC Office; Entered in the resource database as both a Regional and Statewide COML</b></i> |



# Guiding Principles

1. The Federal Government has left it up to each state to determine how its COMLs are certified or recognized
2. Requirements for COMLs in Arizona should be compatible with national recommendations and best practices
3. COML candidates are **certified** to be qualified for their position by their respective agencies
4. Agency-certified COMLs can subsequently be **recognized** as Arizona Regional COMLs by a central review process managed by the SIEC.
5. Arizona Regional COMLs are equivalent to All-Hazards COMLs, as set forth by the Federal Department of Homeland Security's Office of Emergency Communications
6. Centralized records will be maintained for Arizona Regional COMLs by PSIC.



# Centralized Review and Records

Why does the Committee recommend a centralized review and record keeping process?

- Applies consistent standards for statewide recognition of agency-certified COMLs.
- Allows development and maintenance of an Incident Command System (ICS) COML Resource List for Arizona
- Facilitates offering opportunities for participation in communications-focused exercises and planned events
- Facilitates delivery of continuing education



# Regional COML Recommendations

1. Arizona Regional COML Recognition
2. Changes in Agency Affiliation
3. Renewal of the Arizona Regional COML designation
4. Continuing Education
5. Submitting, maintaining and referencing Arizona Regional COML records

# Discussion on Workgroup Recommendations



# Next Steps

- Integrate feedback from this meeting into recommendations and present for approval at May SIEC meeting.
- Publish to the PSIC website.
- Continue Workgroup meetings to develop additional recommendations – next topic: Arizona Statewide COMLs



*Questions?*

*Further Discussion...*

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